performance vis-a-vis targets during 1986-87 in the 11 months' period—April, 1986 to February, 1987 for which information is available, is attached. [*See* Appendix CXLII Annexure No. 11]. The statement gives 20 items of the 20-Point Programme covered in the Monthly Progress Report. Information in respect of the remaining items would be available after the year is over.

(b) Targets for 1987-88 under different items of the 20-Point Programme—1986 are under finalisation.

(c) Yes, Sir. Out of the 20 items covered under monthly Progress Report, progress was 'Good' i.e. 80 per cent and above of the target under 17 items. The progress was below 80 per cent only under 3 items.

(d) Does not arise.

Expansion of Commercial Banks

238. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Reserve Bank of India has recently conducted a study to evaluate the impact of massive branch expansion of Commercial Banks in the rural areas;

(b) if so, what are the observations and main recommendations of the RBI in this regard; and

(c) what action Government propose to take on these recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) conducted an impressionistic survey before formulating the Branch Licensing Policy for the Seventh Plan Period. It was observed that the banks have already achieved considerable progress in extending their offices in rural and semi-urban areas and now they should concentrate on improving the quality of services. It was also observed that bank offices were not evenly spread out in the districts. The branch expansion policy for the period 1985—90 co-terminus with 7th Plan was finalised by RBI in consultation with Govt. of India keeping in view the observations made during impressionistic survey.

FERA Cases Registered

239. SHRI J. P. GOYAL:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cases of FERA violations registered during last three years, upto 31st March, 1987;

(b) what are the names of the individuals/firms/industries in this respect; and the date of registration of cases against each of them; and

(c) what action has so far been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (c) During the period, 1.1.84 to 31st March, 1987, the Directorate of Enforcement (FERA) registered 26,609 enquiries for alleged violation of provisions of the Act. Out of these, adjudication proceedings in 16129 cases of *prima-facie* violation of the provisions of the F.E.R. Act by issue of Show Cause Notices were initiated besides launching of prosecutions against 786 persons for substantive offences.

Separate list of cases against individuals firms and industries is not maintained. As the number of cases is very large, the time and labour involved in collecting and furnishing case-wise details will be disproportionately high.